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BRUNETT et al.

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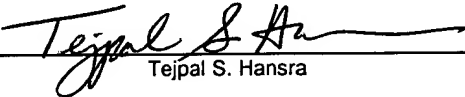
For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
OF MARCH 11, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated March 11, 2004 (Paper No. 8). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this Reply. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the credit card identified on Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$950.00 for the three-month extension fee.

Please note that the **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Please also note that the **Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.